

TOTNES RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

"Rushbrook"
Totnes.

I have to honour to submit my Annual Report for 1944
an the health of the Totnes Rural District.

The live birth rate was 14.5 as compared with 13.0 in 1943,
the rate for England & Wales being 17.6

The infant mortality rate was 29.7 per 1,000 live births, as
compared with 27.7 in 1943, the figure for England & Wales being 46.

The death rate of legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate
live births was 32.2.

The crude death rate for the year was 12.2 per 1,000
estimated resident population, the figure for 1943 being 12.0, and that
for England & Wales 11.6.

General Statistics.

Area (Acres)	80, 978
Population - Census 1921	11, 918
- Census 1931	12, 362
Registrar General's estimated resident population ..	13, 800
Number of inhabited houses (1931)	3, 348
Rateable value	£74, 371
Sum represented by a penny rate.	£318. 5. 0.

The population is chiefly agricultural, and there is no
occupation which has any particular influence on health. There is
very little unemployment in the area.

Vital Statistics.

Live births	M.	F.	TOTAL.
Legitimate	104	82	186
Illegitimate	6	10	16
	<u>110</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>202</u>

Still births	M.	F.	TOTAL.
Legitimate	2	3	5
Illegitimate	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>

Birth rate per 1,000 estimated resident population	14.5
Birth rate per 1,000 (England & Wales)	17.6
Death rate per 1,000 estimated resident population	12.2
Death rate per 1,000 (England & Wales	11.6
Deaths from diseases & accidents of pregnancy & childbirth	NIL
" " " " (England & Wales)	2.29
Death rate of infants under 1 year of age:-	
All infants per 1,000 live births	29.7
All infants etc. (England & Wales)... ..	46.0
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	16.1
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	28
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	NIL
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)... ..	NIL

Notifiable diseases (other than Tuberculosis)

	Total	Admitted to hospital	Died
Scarlet Fever	23	20	-
Diphtheria	4	3	-
Enteric Fever	-	-	-
Pneumonia	6	-	-
Puerperal Fever	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	-	-
Erysipelas	1	-	-

Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulation, 1925.

AGE PERIODS	New cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Resp.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-
1	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-
5	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	1
10	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-
15	0	1	0	0	-	-	-	-
20	2	1	1	0	-	-	-	-
25	3	3	0	0	-	-	-	1
35	5	1	0	0	1	-	-	-
45	1	3	0	0	-	1	-	-
55	2	2	0	0	2	-	-	-
65 & over	3	0	0	0	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	16	11	1	0	3	1	-	2

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CAUSES OF DEATH

	M.	F.
All Causes	89	80
1. Typhoid & Paratyphoid Fevers	-	-
2. Cerebro spinal fever	-	-
3. Scarlet fever	-	-
4. Whooping cough	-	-
5. Diphtheria	-	-
6. Tuberculosis of the respiratory system ..	3	1
7. Other forms of tuberculosis ..	-	2
8. Syphilitic diseases ..	-	-
9. Influenza	-	1
10. Measles	-	-
11. Acute poliomyelitis and polio-encephalitis...	-	-
12. Acute infantile encephalitis.	-	-
13. Cancer	2	2
14. Cancer of stomach and duodenum...	3	2
15. Cancer of breast	-	3
16. Cancer of all other sites ..	7	9
17. Diabetes	-	-
18. Intra cranial vascular lesions ..	15	11
19. Heart disease	21	21
20. Other diseases of the circulatory system .	3	2
21. Bronchitis	9	5
22. Pneumonia	4	-
23. Other respiratory diseases ..	-	1
24. Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	3	1
25. Diarrhoea under 2 years of age...	-	-
26. Appendicitis	-	-
27. Other digestive diseases	1	4
28. Nephritis	6	2
29. Puerperal and post-abortion sepsis...	-	-
30. Other maternal causes ..	-	1
31. Premature birth	1	-
32. Infantile disorders	1	-
33. Suicide	1	-
34. Road Traffic Accidents	-	-
35. Other violent causes	3	2
36. All other causes	6	10
	<u>89</u>	<u>80</u>
TOTAL ALL CAUSES		

The Council's policy of carrying out water and sewerage schemes as rapidly as financial considerations would allow has resulted in further improvements in a number of parishes and, if the present rate of progress is maintained, the whole of the district will be well above the standard of sparsely populated Rural Districts having a large area in comparison to population.

I am, your obedient Servant.

Stanley Gillies

Medical Officer of Health.

October, 1945.

